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Railroad Guide.
Passenger trains leave for Clarksville, Tenn., at 7:30 A. M. and 1:30 P. M. North—8:25 A. M. and 9:45 P. M.

Our subscribers will please examine the printed direction of their paper, and if they are in arrears, will confer a favor by calling and paying up.

CLASS-MEETING at the residence of S. A. Caldwell Esq., on Greenwood Avenue next Tuesday night.

T. P. BURKE has been doing a lively business this week, selling his steam threshers.

THE work on Prof. Broadhurst's new building is being rushed up at a lively rate, and will be completed ere long.

CHANCELLOR H. H. LUTON is holding the Chancery Court this week. The Court will be in session for the next two weeks.

Water-melons and peaches made their appearance in our city last Wednesday. We did not enquire the price.

THE mail route from Ashland to this place went into operation last Tuesday. Now is the time to subscribe for the CHRONICLE on that route.

WE are sorry to learn that the health of Mr. Grant, our senior partner, has not improved whilst at the Springs, and he may be expected home next week.

TURNLEY, ELY & KENNEDY, of the Elephant Warehouse, received eighty hogheads of tobacco last Monday, and the cry is "still they come."

THE Building and Loan Association will meet to its members on Wednesday, the 11th inst., 8:00. Those interested will make a note of the date.

THE brick work on the residence of Mr. John W. Faxon has been finished, and the carpenters work is now being pushed forward to rapid completion.

THERE will be a barbecue and braw dance at Barton's Creek, one mile east of Collinsville, on the Southside of the river, on Saturday, the 21st inst.

S. B. SEAT, Agent, will sell the City Mills to-day to the highest bidder on the premises. The mill is valuable property and ought to bring a good price.

MAJ. BRINGHURST and lady, of Texas, who have been in our city for the past two weeks, are now visiting our old friend, W. R. Bringhurst, Sr., of Robertson county. We wish them a pleasant visit.

HON. LEON TROUBADAR, State Superintendent of Public Schools, will hold a Teachers' Institute in this city on August 22, 23, and 24, at which the attendance of all teachers in the county is requested. A programme of the proceedings will be published hereafter.

THE clear weather for the past two or three weeks has given the farmer ample opportunity to harvest his wheat and they are now busy thrashing. The highest offer, so far, that we have heard of is \$1 25 per bushel. Our grocermen have already on hand a good supply of flour made of new wheat.

FOX & SMITH have the sure thing for the house fly in the shape of a neat fan, which is wound up in the same way as a clock, and will revolve for an hour and a half at a time, and then you have to eat any longer than that time, all you have to do is to wind it up again. "Just as easy as falling off a log."

WE are glad to learn that the Memphis and Clarksville of the L. & N. R. has been consolidated. Mr. James Montgomery is now Superintendent between Bowling Green and Memphis, and Mr. John Flynn has been appointed General Agent at Memphis in place of H. F. Smith, deceased.

REV. J. R. PLUMMER left a few days ago for West Tennessee and Arkansas, in the interest of the Academy. He is an energetic worker and deserves success, and he will hardly fail, we are sure, to realize the fulfillment of his most sanguine expectations. He will be absent for some weeks.

MR. A. J. LYLE and family of East Point, Ga., are visiting their friends and relatives on the Southside. Mr. Lyle was born and raised in this county, and was a gallant soldier of the "lost cause," but has been a resident of Georgia ever since the war closed, and is now a prominent merchant of East Point. May success attend him wherever he goes.

THE following are the officers elected at the last regular meeting of the Knights of Honor: F. E. Fox, P. D.; W. H. Turnley, Dictator; T. P. Burke, Assistant Dictator; W. H. Higgins, Reporter; T. H. Smith, Fin. Reporter; E. Glick, Treas.; W. P. Keese, Chap.; W. F. Young, Guard; N. D. Rose, Sentinel. They met every second and fourth Thursday nights of each month.

The Acknowledgments of Our Guests.

We have given this week on our page selections from the numerous complimentary acknowledgments, which our exchanges have made of their treatment while attending the meetings of the Press Association in this place. We have done so in order that our readers may be gratified at learning that their hospitable efforts were appreciated, and also far another purpose. In the committee of arrangements it was a mooted question whether the entertainment given to the association ladies should be invited, and it was seriously urged that the majority of the delegates would prefer the unchastened license of a male party to the restraints imposed by the presence of ladies. We were of the opinion from the first that this idea was grounded upon a most erroneous estimate of the tastes and habits of our brother editors and that they would feel much more highly complimented by an introduction to the ladies of Clarksville. The result amply confirmed our judgment, for both in private conversation and in the printed sentiments of our contemporaries we find the arrangements adopted spoken of as a most agreeable surprise, our banquet and ball being the first entertainment given to the Press Association at which ladies were present.

The public cannot be too soon disabused of the impression, which is too general at present, that editors, as a body, are a coarse, whiskey-guzzling set to whom a bar-room is Elysium and the presence of refined ladies an unwelcome restraint. For a complete refutation of this injurious impression one only need have visited the old Southern Hotel on Friday, the 22nd ult., and observed the well-dressed gentlemen appreciating and appreciated by the most refined and intellectual female society which Tennessee can produce.

This is the crowning virtue of the entertainment, that it vindicates the character and position of the gentlemen who constitute the Press Association, and established for the future the fact that the more refined and elevated in character the entertainments, which may be offered them, the higher will be their appreciation of them.

St. Aloysius School.
We accepted with pleasure an invitation to be present at an entertainment given by the scholars of this institution on Friday evening the 29th ult. If it had not been that the weather was excessively sultry and the room inconveniently small for the crowd assembled, we should have found much enjoyment. We staid long enough inside to assure ourselves that the members of this school contain a good deal of well cultivated talent. An amusing dramatic piece written by Lady Georgia Fullerton was played with great spirit, every word distinctly pronounced (a rare merit in modern schools) and in too comic parts played by Miss Dineen and Miss Parlin considerable histrionic talents were evinced. Between the acts some good music, instrumental and vocal, was given in a style to show careful training, and one feature elicits our unqualified commendation; the boys as well as the girls are taught music where there is any aptitude for it demonstrated. It is one of the stupidest blunders of the age, that while every girl is taught music whether apt or not, any boy that acquires the art does so against obstacles carefully thrown in his way. Let the public be assured of this, that we shall never have a refined and cultivated standard of taste established among the people until both sexes are equally trained; music, as at present used in society, is an amusement in which with rare exceptions ladies are the performers and gentlemen the listeners; the latter have no cultivation and their untrained judgment inevitably prefers bad music to good; and the lady exponents have to adapt their selections to this vitiated taste which is growing worse and worse every day. St. Aloysius school has demonstrated the true remedy by teaching music to both boys and girls.

W. J. McCORMACK, Esq., has our thanks for a very handsome piece of photography. When we say handsome we refer to the subjects of his art as well as to his execution of the picture, which is nothing more nor less than a counter part presentation of twenty-one Tennessee editors, including him of the Chronicle. There is the President, Dr. Dickinson, blandly dignified in the middle, flanked by Tom. Boyers, of the Gallatin Examiner, and Neal, of the Dyersburg Gazette. At one extremity Leigh of the Humboldt Journal, and at the other the Chronicle man—the two Vice Presidents of the Association. Filled with a book and pen, he looks back on the seated members in the background, and the learned facious Secretary, Dr. White, reclines luxuriously on grass in advance of the whole, as he has been in advance of the movement for associating the Press in a united body for some years, and many others *quoque non per se* longan est. It is a first rate achievement of art and exercised on good material. Many thanks to the photographer, and may you live long enough to see another editorial conclave at high jinks in Clarksville.

N. B.—The scene of action is the Academy grounds with Mrs. Keese's beautiful mansion in the background.

PUBLIC-SCHOOL District Directors are notified that they can procure the requisite blanks for making out their reports at the office of Peter O'Neal, County Clerk. They are requested to make out their reports and file them either with the County Clerk, or with M. G. Carney the Superintendent of the Public Schools, before the 22d day August.

The picnic at Bradley's grove last Wednesday by the members of the Catholic church of this city in behalf of the Sisters of Charity, was a grand success, both financially and in point of enjoyment. Our Catholic friends are always successful in these undertakings and in their 4th of July picnic they were eminently so.

Corboudale Items.

The boys in the neighborhood have organized a base ball club and call it the "Chance" club in honor of Mr. Robt. Chance. There is talk of a club being organized at Palmyra, to be named the "Eldridge" club, for the avowed purpose of getting Dr. Eldridge to furnish the outfit. The Doctor, however, thinks their object not a laudable one. If this club does come out the *Chances* will be against them.

Rev. S. M. Griffin, the minister in charge of this circuit, has been forced to abandon it on account of ill health and has gone to stay with Rev. W. A. Turner at Cedar Hill. Rev. Louis Powell, a young gentleman from Arkansas and recently from Vanderbilt University, is filling Mr. Griffin's unexpired time. We are very sorry to lose Mr. Griffin, but, if it must be so, we very glad his successor is Mr. Powell.

A gentleman living in Palmyra left last week to take into himself one of Kentucky's fair daughters. When he returned Friday night the boys concluded they would have a little fun and so they gave him some music to the tune of "the old tin pan." It is frequently the case, as in this, that such causes hard feelings.

The negroes celebrated the 4th of July by having a picnic. It is strange they do not celebrate the 1st of January (1863) instead.

Corn and tobacco are a little backward and need rain very much.

New Advertisements.
See city ordinance in another column.

The First National Bank publishes a statement in another column.

See special notice in another column, of Hostetter's Bitters.

Read dissolution notice of Daniel & Hay. Mr. Daniel continues the business at the same stand.

Read the advertisement of W. W. Murray, administrator of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, deceased.

Peter O'Neal, as clerk, publishes a non-resident notice in another column.

Mr. W. M. Long, Sewing Machine Agent, has a special in today's paper. He offers Machines at greatly reduced rates.

We publish to-day the dissolution notice of the firm of Barker & Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson having bought the interest of Mr. Barker in the New York Mills property. He is well and favorably known throughout the whole country, and so, also, is this floor which is made at his mill—it can't be beat.

Mr. Philip Lieber has inserted another large advertisement in our paper in which he calls the attention of the public to the fact that he is selling at greatly reduced prices in order to make room for his large fall and winter stock. The good business principles of this house have gained them a large and deserved share of the public patronage.

Our readers will see, by referring to our advertising columns, that the firm of Lockert, Rudolph & Son, have gone into actual business, and are prepared to sell family groceries to their customers at reasonable prices. These gentlemen have been residents among us all their lives and are well known to the public as men of sterling worth and integrity, and we doubt not that they will receive a liberal share of public patronage.

We call attention of our readers this week to advertisement of Mr. B. F. Coulter, which is to be found in another column. Mr. Coulter will sell at public auction on Saturday, September 1, 1877, his residence, furniture, etc., to the highest bidder on the grounds. The residence is modern and is beautifully located on the summit of a slight eminence, with a beautiful sloping lawn in the front. Nothing in the way of outhouses is wanting, and everything on the premises is in the best condition—in a word, we know of but few residences more desirable than this beautiful suburban building of Mr. Coulter's.

THE city tax books are now in the hands of our efficient City Marshal, R. B. Walthall. It has been agreed upon by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that a discount of 5 per cent. be made on all taxes paid before the 1st day of August, 1877. We are confident and are assured that the discount of 5 per cent. will cause many of the largest tax payers to come forward and take advantage of the discount at once, relieving the board of this accumulated floating check debt, and giving in addition thereby an all sufficient sum to cover the current expense account, till the time when the law allows the general collection to commence.

THANKS to Mr. Millett of the Southern Express Company, for some delicious peaches from below; they made glad the parched throat of a sick friend whose enjoyment of them would have delighted Millett's kind heart if he had witnessed it.

DR. A. W. WILLIAMS, of Lafayette, Ky., whom we used to know when a boy, called on us last Saturday. He is practicing dentistry, and makes regular trips to Jordan Springs, Oakwood and Indian Mound. May he ever do a prosperous business.

We regret to learn that Dr. J. M. Larkin is not yet able to attend to his practice. It will probably be the first of September before he can resume his profession. His many friends feel a deep interest in his recovery, and hope soon to see him at his office.

We learn that Col. Robt. Searcy has two flourishing dancing schools on hand, one at Allensville, Ky., one at the residence of Col. J. B. Killbrew. Bob. Searcy knows all about dancing.

WADE, of the Milan Exchange, pays the following high compliment to the Clarksville Female Academy. It justly merits it:

"Clarksville Female Academy, under the able management of Rev. J. B. Plummer, is one of the best and most successful schools in the South. One hundred and ninety-nine pupils were enrolled last year."

BON AQUA SPRINGS.

DEAR CHRONICLE—Since forwarding my letter bearing date of 25th ult., nothing startling has transpired at Bon Aqua. The most important feature I have to note is the arrival, every day by hack from the Station, of crowds of pleasure-seekers and invalids from Nashville, Memphis, and intermediate points. We have now a varied assemblage, the grave, the gay, the lively and serene, but as a whole, they form a happy colony, each in his or her sphere contributing their mite to the enjoyment of all. In attestation of the truth of this, when visitors arrive who have spent other seasons here, there is a most cordial greeting indulged in by managers, servants, and all concerned, which is akin to the re-union of a large family where members have been long absent from the endearments of home. The number of bright-eyed, prattling babes to be seen here would cause some of my friends, whom I have in my mind eye, to blush or perhaps to fear a sojourn at this efficacious, lovely resort. Tell them, privately, however, there is no serious consequences to follow, but they will be sure to be benefited. I will mention some few names which have been added to the hotel register since last week: Mr. Lehman and mother, Col. McDowell and family, Mrs. Gantt and family, from Memphis, and Col. Gennet and family, Mr. Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. and family, and many others of Nashville. Life and animation is now present on every hand. I was sitting under the beautiful pavilion at the spring a few evenings ago, when a gentleman of extensive travel remarked to me: Well, sir, I have been to Baden Baden, Saratoga, Long Branch, several famous Virginia springs, but I never found a water superior to this, and few places with more lively and attractive surroundings. He stated he had been a great sufferer from Dyspepsia for many years, and had not been hungry for two years. Now, said he, I have used this water for three or four days, now have an appetite my food *sticks* and agrees with me, and I will return home soon feeling better than in years. I have the vanity to believe that my people will give me credit for honesty in any statement I may make, whilst I am anxious to do justice to both the medicine and the public. I hear many persons who have tried these waters for dyspepsia, diarrhoea, and diseases of the alimentary canal, speak in the loudest praise of their curative powers.

I will take the liberty to speak of an aged couple now here, Mr. Farrel and wife, of Nashville. Heard his invalid wife are intelligent, refined people, and ardently devoted to each other. I learn from them that they were born on the same day, raised up as children together, wedded in their youth, and in their old age, came to this country in early life, and by industry and honesty have accumulated enough to spend their last days in comfort. They are both kind towards all, and bear conclusive evidences of meekness and christian charity. The 50th anniversary of their wedded life occurred here at this place, and all the visitors turned out and honored them with a call and an impromptu feast of good things. May their last days be their best days. This pleasant sight to see an aged, devoted christian couple going down the declivity of life, hand in hand, heart beating responsively to heart.

A few days since Col. Seldon and Mr. Hopkins, two gentlemen who occupy seats at the same table with myself and Master Jimmie Grant, provided themselves with tackle and conveyance, and took a trip to the classic banks of the river, to the house of Washington B. Russell, Esq., where they enjoyed some rare sport in catching trout. Returning, they brought some fifteen or sixteen beautiful specimens of trout and perch from that stream and tributaries. We have one of the best meat and bread cooks here in the country, and to our agreeable surprise our table was amply supplied with dishes of beautifully browned roast beef, broiled chicken, and other delicacies. The cook, however, to his humble correspondent paid his most obsequious and hearty respects. Parties sojourning here, can, with little trouble, change the programme for a few days, and find sport in fishing in Piney river and the many creeks flowing into it.

I subscribed for the American, as I passed through Nashville, and thereby I am kept posted about one-half the time. As I only receive this excellent paper on an average every other day. I know enough of newspaper management, however, to believe that the mails are at fault. I find that the American is taken extensively in this section, and I am glad it is so, for the high standard attained by this journal makes it worthy a place in every cabin, cottage and palatial residence in our land. It is now an able, consistent, newsy paper.

Yesterday was the hottest day of the season at this point. We puffed and perspired, and wondered if we were thus warm here where "everlasting breezes blow," how can those who are luxuriating amid piles of brick and mortar and long, narrow streets stand the almost suffocating heat. About sunset, however, we are favored by cooling breezes, and enabled to take in great mouthfuls of pure air, inviting us to calmly repose.

I am feeling so badly this morning that it is a great task to write, therefore I will desist. If I remain until next week I will write again, (if not, you will never hear from me from the hills of old Summer.

Yours, J. A. GRANT.

July 2, 1877.

The Tennessee Dental Association met at Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, last week. The following years were elected for the ensuing year:

President, L. G. Noel, Nashville; First Vice President, J. H. Webber, Springfield; Second Vice President, S. M. Prothro, Chattanooga; Recording Secretary, H. E. Beach, Clarksville; Corresponding Secretary, J. B. Plummer, Clarksville; Treasurer, H. H. Morgan, Nashville.

Nashville was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Death of a Nonagenarian in Clarksville.

Died at the residence of Mrs. Kate Crozier, in this city, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Miss Elizabeth McClure, who attained the advanced age of ninety last April. Several of the oldest families in Clarksville, the McClures, the Deanses and the Henrys, looked up to Miss McClure as the sole surviving member of a generation now entirely extinct; and she was not only venerable, but beloved by all who knew her.

Houston County Review.
This paper, formerly dated from this place, forms a welcome addition to the lists of our exchanges; it is still edited and published in part by Mr. John Duff, formerly on the staff of this paper, and is gained much by the addition of Mr. W. J. Broadbent to its personnel, who has bought an interest in it, and will devote a portion of his time to its editorial columns. It is published at Erin, in Houston County, and has our best wishes for its prosperity.

Report of Polk G. Johnson, C. & M.
To Hon. Horace H. Lorton, Chancellor Sixth Chancery Division: My regular term of office as Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Clarksville after a service of six years, seven months and seventeen days expired on the 27th day of February, 1877.

The law makes it my duty to make a full settlement of all my accounts at the first term of the Chancery Court thereafter. In obedience to the law I herewith file a separate report in every case in which I received money either as Clerk and Master, Commissioner or Receiver.

I file as Exhibit A, marked from 1 to 12, reports in all the cases which were finally settled and only awaited the confirmation of my reports or distribution. I file as Exhibit B, from 13 to 196, reports in all the cases which have not been finally settled.

These reports embrace all the cases which have been in court where I have received any money, save and except those cases which have heretofore been reported and the reports only confirmed. During that time I have received \$813,331.61, all of which had been paid according to the orders of the court except the sums on deposit in bank to my credit for each case, subject to the future orders of the court, as appears by reference to my bank-books here filed as Exhibits C and D.

When I entered upon the discharge of the duties of my office in July, 1870, the law required that I should make report to each term of the court (twice a year) the balance in my hands. I have not only complied with this requirement at each term of the court, but have reported all money received and paid out by me, and these reports have been spread upon the minutes of the court subject to the inspection of the public. In addition I have kept a separate account in bank in each case and a public ledger and journal always open to all interested parties.

In concluding this report I trust it will not be considered inappropriate for me to express my unbounded thanks to the two Chancellors, Hon. Chas. G. Smith and Hon. Horace H. Lorton, who have presided over the courts, every member of the bar, old and young, and my invaluable deputies, O. C. Smith and W. A. Forbes, for their uniform courtesy and kindness and the great aid I have received at their hands. If success has attended the administration of this office during my term I think it is chiefly due to the encouragement, advice and valuable aid I have received from the Chancellors, the bar and deputies.

I also file herewith as Exhibit E a report showing all money received and paid out by me from the 27th day of February, 1877 to July 1st, 1877. Respectfully submitted,

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Our Schools.

Following we give the statement of Mr. A. Howell, Clerk and Treasurer of Clarksville city schools, for the year ending June 30, 1877, and also the statement of the district schools outside the city:

CITY SCHOOLS.—
Yarrell's school, 10 months salary, \$ 600 00
Clark, repairs, etc., do 25 00
Rent of school room for one year, do 28 00
Total, \$ 653 00

Mrs. Gann and Shaddock's school, 10 months salary, \$ 310 00
Clark, repairs and insurance, do 30 45
Total, \$ 340 45

Miss Kate Rogers and Miss J. Duke, 10 months salaries, \$ 750 00
Clark, repairs and insurance, do 42 95
Total, \$ 792 95

Jackson's colored school, 10 months salary, \$ 710 00
Clark, repairs, etc., do 40 00
Total, \$ 750 00

D. Sims' colored school, 10 months salary, \$ 500 00
Clark, etc., do 20 00
Total, \$ 520 00

To balance, \$ 5,786 80
Total, \$ 12,742 20

CITY SCHOOLS.—
August 3, 1876, by balance on hand, \$1,948 41
March 3, 1877, by city, do 625 88
March 3, 1877, by State and county, do 921 31
April 1, 1877, by city, do 122 71
May 1, 1877, by outside district, teaching 45 pupils seven months in 22 districts, \$14,000 00
Total, \$17,618 31

June 25th, by balance on hand, \$ 575 99
Total, \$ 17,618 31

TWELFTH DISTRICT SCHOOLS.—
South Clarksville, 7 months salary, \$ 285 50
Clark, repairs, etc., do 25 00
Total, \$ 310 50

Wesley's Chapel colored school, 6 months salary, \$ 360 00
Clark, repairs, etc., do 20 27
Total, \$ 380 27

St. John's colored school, 7 months salary, \$ 300 00
Clark, repairs, etc., do 28 32
Total, \$ 328 32

Amount paid city for teaching, \$ 4,371 57
Total, \$ 18,189 88

TWELFTH DISTRICT SCHOOLS.—
August 3, 1876, by balance on hand, \$ 442 46
March 3, 1877, by State and county, \$ 747 16
Total, \$ 1,189 62

SCHOOL TEACHERS.
Written applications of teachers in the Public Schools of Clarksville, to be considered by the Directors for the next thirty days, when teachers for the following schools will be selected:

One white teacher at Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
One white teacher and assistant at Fifth Ward school house.
One colored teacher and assistant at Third Ward school house.
One colored teacher at Methodist Church.
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